DIRECTIVES TO NATIONALISED BANKS ON WAIVING OF LOANS

2545. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the Nationalised Banks have revealed that they have not received any directives from Government regarding waiving of loans to weavers as announced by the Prime Minister during September, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the instructions that have been issued to Nationalised Banks in this regard;

(c) to what extent the waiving of loans to weavers will benefit them; and

(d) what is the total amount to be involved and how many weavers have been helped under the scheme so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (d) Public Sector Banks and co-operative banks and Regional Rural Banks were advised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in June, 1990 to provide debt relief under the provisions of the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990 in respect of the dues outstanding as on 2nd October, 1989 with these banks by the specified category of borrowers, including artisans and weavers in rural areas only. The ARDR Scheme came to a close on 31-3-1991 in respect of all the States excepting Assam and Jammu and Kashmir where the scheme came to a close on 30-6-1991. No revision was made in the Scheme in any manner thereafter and no revised instructions were issued in this regard. Arising out of the announcement referred to in part (a) of the question, it will be for the concerned State Governments themselves to take appropriate action if considered necessary.

PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS IN RURAL AREAS OF GUJARAT

2546. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the branches of Public Sector Banks opened in rural areas in Gujarat State during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) what are the places where these branches are opened;

(c) whether branches of the Public Sector Banks are less in Gujarat in comparison to other States ;

(d) whether the Central Government have issued any instructions for opening more branches in Gujarat State; and

(e) what is the criterion adopted for opening branches in the rural areas of the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (b) The details of the branches of Public Sector Banks opened in rural areas in Gujarat during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 and also the locations thereof are given below :—

District	Name of Centre
1990-91	
Banaskantha	1 Jalana
Kutch	2. Kandagara (Mota)
	3. Bhimasur
	4. Nalia
Mehsana	5. GIDC, Chhatral